

How to be eligible for the Paris 2024 rhythmic gymnastics competition. The qualification process for the Olympics

Only female competitors compete in rhythmic gymnastics, one of the two Olympic sports (the other being artistic swimming). Through a fusion of art and sport, the discipline of rhythmic gymnastics emphasizes beauty. Olympic fans can buy [Olympic Rhythmic Gymnastics Tickets](#) from our website.

The hoop, ball, clubs, and ribbon are the four apparatus that rhythmic gymnasts use to demonstrate their acrobatic movement on the floor while performing to music of their own choosing. The individual and group contests, which made their Olympic debuts in Los Angeles in 1984 and Atlanta in 1996, respectively, are both returning for Paris 2024.



How many rhythmic gymnasts will compete at Paris 2024?

Paris 2024 will have 94 rhythmic gymnasts competing, including 24 individuals and 14 groups (five athletes per group). Compared to Tokyo 2020, where 26 different athletes competed, this is two less overall.

While the Tripartite Commission will vote on one quota spot for the Universality slot, France will receive six quota places as the host nation, including one group quota. The remaining 87 quota spots will be distributed

to the National Olympic Committees (NOCs), with a cap of seven spots per NOC, with two spots going to individuals and five to single groups.

The solo and team all-around contests are the two events. The 2024 Games will be open to any athletes who were born on or before December 31, 2008, and who will be at least 15 years old in Paris by that time.

What is the rhythmic gymnastics qualification pathway to Paris 2024?

A total of 24 quotas for the individual all-around competition will be distributed based on five factors. This number contains a spot for the host nation and a place for universality.

Following four criteria, a total of 70 quotas for the group all-around competition will be given to 14 NOCs (one group per NOC, five individuals per group), including France as the host nation. There won't be a spot for Universality in the group competition.



2022 World Championships, Sofia, Bulgaria, September 14-18

Three athletes met the individual requirements.

The event is open to a maximum of three individual competitors from each NOC. The three competitors who placed highest overall in the individual all-around competition will each receive a quota spot for their NOC.

Groupings required: three groups (15 athletes)

The top three NOCs in the overall competition (qualifications) will each receive one quota spot for their NOC.

2023 World Championships, in August of that year

14 athletes qualified individually.

The event is open to a maximum of three individual competitors from each NOC. With a maximum of two competitors per NOC, the top 14 athletes from the all-around competition (qualifying) will each receive one quota spot.

Where applicable, additional quota spaces may not be given to NOCs if they have already secured two under Criteria 1. NOCs that already met the requirements for one quota seat under Criteria 1 are eligible for a second quota place.

Groups must consist of five (25 athletes)

The number of groups that can take part in this event is 30. Based on the results of the all-around competition (qualifications), the 24 highest-ranked NOCs of the World Championships (including the three NOCs already qualified for the Olympic Games under Criteria1) will be allowed to compete.

The top-ranked eligible group from the continent(s) that is (are) not (are) sufficiently represented will receive a quota place to compete in the 2023 World Championships if all continents are not adequately represented in the top 24 NOCs. Olympic fans can buy [Olympic 2024 Tickets](#) from our website.



The host nation will be given a quota spot to compete in the 2023 World Championships if it is not represented by the top 24 NOCs or the continent quota position.

One group quota spot will be reserved for each of the top five NOCs from group ranking results who have not yet qualified under Criteria 1.

3. Continental Championships in 2024 (or the other continental qualifying event approved by FIG)

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The athletes must come from NOCs and not have already met Criteria 1 or 2.

The quota spots of the respective continents are lost and will be distributed to the next-highest-ranked individual athletes from NOCs who have not already qualified under Criteria 1 or 2 based on the results of the all-around competition (qualification) of the 2023 World Championships if the Continental Championships (or the other Continental Qualifying Event) does not take place between April and May 2024 (or another date approved by the FIG).

Group qualification: five groups (25 athletes)

Each NOC from the corresponding continent will be allowed to enter a maximum of one group.

When a NOC has not yet qualified under Criteria 1 or 2, the highest-ranked NOC from the group ranking results of the all-around competition (qualifications) from the relevant Continental Championships (or other Continental Qualifying Event approved by the FIG) shall get one group quota slot.

The next highest-ranked eligible groups from NOCs that have not qualified under Criteria 1 or 2 will be allocated to the quota places based on the group ranking results of the 2023 World Championships if there are no more eligible groups from the group ranking results from the respective Continental Championships (or other Continental Qualifying Event approved by the FIG).

Criteria 4. Host country place**Individual qualification: one athlete**

Following the individual ranking results of the 2023 World Championships, the highest-ranked eligible French athlete will be awarded a quota spot if no individual athletes from the host nation, France, have qualified under Criteria 1, 2, or 3.

Group qualification: one group (five athletes)

France, as the host nation, will be given one group quota slot, providing their participation with a group at the 2022 World Championships, if they have not previously received one under Criteria 1, 2, or 3.



Criteria 5. Universality place

Individual qualification: one athlete

The IOC Tripartite Commission will decide on one Universality Place, and the contender must have competed in the 2023 World Championships.

What is the format and schedule for the rhythmic gymnastics tournament in Paris in 2024?

There will be two medal events for the individual all-around and group all-around competitions in Paris 2024. The individual all-around competition at Paris 2024 will consist of the hoop, ball, clubs, and ribbon routines.

The group all-around competition in Paris 2024 will also feature the five hoops and three ribbons/two balls exercises. The four apparatuses used in Tokyo 2020's individual all-around competition will also be used in Paris 2024.

On the other side, the apparatus programmer for the group all-around competition in Paris 2024 will be different from that in Tokyo 2020, which had two routines including five balls, three hoops, and two clubs.

There will be a qualifying round and a final round for each event.

The tournament for rhythmic gymnastics will take place at Porte de la Chapelle Arena from August 8-10, 2024.

Rhythmic gymnasts to watch at Paris 2024

The international rhythmic gymnastics scene has been dominated by nations from Eastern Europe. With the exception of the Russian team, which has won 10 out of 17 gold medals since the sport was added to the Olympic programmer in 1984 and is led by stars like champions Evgeniya Kanaeva of Beijing 2008 and London 2012 and Margarita Mamun of Rio 2016, no NOC has won more than one gold medal from an Olympics.

Israel's Linoy Ashram made history at Tokyo 2020 by winning the individual all-around competition and becoming the first woman from her nation to win an Olympic gold medal. Sadly, we won't get to see her again in Paris because the 23-year-old declared in April 2022 that she will stop competing in rhythmic gymnastics.

After becoming the first Italian to win the overall all-around title in the World Cup competition following her triumph in Athens this year, rising star Sofia Raffaelli of Italy is widely expected to bring home a historic Olympic gold medal in rhythmic gymnastics at Paris 2024. Currently, the 18-year-old has the top spot in the entire world.

In the group competition, France, which will be attempting to place third on home territory for the first time, is ranked second in the world behind Bulgaria, the Tokyo 2020 team gold medalists.

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